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SUBJECT: PAN AM SCHEDULES

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1. PAN AM, CONTRARY TO WHAT WAS REPORTED IN REFTTEL A, HAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE ONLY FLIGHT 443 ON TO SAO APULO. FLIGHT 201 IS TERMINATING IN RIO.

2. CONGEN OFFICERS VISITED BRIG. VASCONCELOS AT DAC APRIL 16, 1975, TO DISCUSS PAN AM SCHEDULE. DAC, WHICH HAD GIVEN ONLY ORAL APPROVAL OF NEW SCHEDULE, WITH EXCEPTION OF 443/201 DOUBLE NUMBERING, HAS PROMISED WRITTEN RESPONSE TO PAN AM LETTER OF APRIL 9 WHICH SUBMITTED NEW SCHEDULE.

3. BRIG. VASCONCELOS DESCRIBED DAC'S ROLE AS MERELY A TECHNICAL ADVISER TO, AND IMPLEMENTATION AGENCY FOR, CERNAI ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS. HOWEVER, DAC BASES OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED 443/201 DOUBLE NUMBERING ON TWO GROUNDS. ONE IS THE CHANGE OF GAUGE FROM A 747 TO A 707. EVEN IF NO CHANGE OF GAUGE WERE INVOLVED, BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES WOULD STILL OBJECT BECAUSE THE PROCEDURE,

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IN THEIR VIEW, IMPLIES SABOTAGE. THE POSITION ON

CABOTAGE IS BASED ON THE VIEW THAT PASSENGERS LOSE THEIR INTERNATIONAL STATUS WHEN THEY DEPLANE IN ORDER TO JOIN ANOTHER FLIGHT. THE DAC FEELS THEY BECOME DOMESTIC PASSENGERS AND MUST, THEREFORE, USE A DOMESTIC FLIGHT FOR THE RIO-SAO PAULO LEG OF THEIR TRIP.

4. VASCONCELOS, IN RESPONSE TO CONGEN OFFICER QUESTION, STATED CONGONHAS WOULD SOON LOSE ITS INTERNATIONAL STATUS, BUT DID NOT REPEAT THE JULY 1, 1975, DATE ANNOUNCED PREVIOUSLY BY THE AIR MINISTER. VASCONCELOS CONCEDED THAT THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF SAO PAULO AND CRUZEIRO DO SUL ARE ATTEMPTING TO RETAIN CONGONHAS'S INTERNATIONAL STATUS. VASCONCELOS CITED THE EXTREME CONGESTION AT CONGONHAS AS ONE MOTIVE FOR ELIMINATING ITS INTERNATIONAL STATUS, BUT NOTED THAT VIRACOPOS IS STILL TOO SMALL TO ABSORB ALL INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS OPERATING OUT OF CONGONHAS.

5. LOCAL PANAM REP HIGHLY DISPLEASED WITH GOB HANDLING OF THIS ISSUE, SUSPECTING DAC AND CERNAI MAY HAVE REJECTED DOUBLE NUMBERING PROCEDURE AS WAY OF PUNISHING PAN AM FOR ITS INSISTENT REQUESTS FOR ACCESS TO CONGONHAS. HE IS ASKING WHAT RESPONSE USG PREPARED TO MAKE, TO GOB DECISION, EXPECIALLY SINCE VARIG INITIATES AND TERMINATES A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ITS INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS AT CONGONHAS.
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